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SUBJECT: IRAQ'S NOMINATIONS FOR MEPI STUDENT LEADERS PROGRAM

¶1. Embassy Baghdad is pleased to nominated six principal candidates and three alternates in rank order for the MEPI Student Leaders Program.

¶2. First principal candidate:

A) Last name: Saudi
B) First name: Mustafa
C) Middle names: Abdul Haleem Abdul Kareem
D) Date of birth: Oct. 7, 1987
E) City of birth: Baghdad
F) Country of Birth: Iraq
G) Country of residence: Iraq
H) Country of citizenship: Iraq
I) Gender: male
J) Full address: Baghdad/Kharkh/khadra/Square 641/st.69/ home #9
K) Telephone: 00964-770-6228888
L) Email address: dr_newbieeee@yahoo.com
M) Medical, physical, dietary or other personal considerations: none
N) Name of candidate's college: College of Medicine/ University of Baghdad
O) Candidate's field of study: general medicine
P) Work experience: none (student)
Q) Education: ongoing
R) Active memberships: none
S) Special interests: medical care system
T) Extracurricular activities: sports, music
U) Previous travel and study or research experience outside of home country: Syria (July 2006, July 2007, August 2008)
V) Evidence of English language ability: ACAO interview with the candidate.
W) Future study or career plans: wants to become medical doctor and participate in reform of the Iraqi medical system.
X) Statement by post, justifying participation of the nominee in the subject institute:
a) Likely relevance of the program to the future study or career plans of the nominee: Mustafa is eager not only to become an excellent doctor but also to participate in reform of the Iraqi medical system. He actively studies the US medical system and does his own research on the topic. The program would strengthen his leadership skills. He was actively engaged in discussion with other candidates during the interview, wasn't afraid to express different opinions than majority of the group but at the same time was open to new ideas.
b) The potential impact of the candidate's participation in the program: One of the most positive aspects of Mustafa's candidacy for the program is his determined enthusiasm to represent his culture abroad. He is eager to act as an ambassador for young Iraqi people by demonstrating their friendliness and openness to the modern world.
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¶3. Second principal candidate:

A) Last name: Almukhtar
B) First name: Rawaa
C) Middle names: Mumtaz Mohammed Ali
D) Date of birth: Jan. 24, 1990

E) City of birth: Baghdad
 F) Country of Birth: Iraq
 G) Country of residence: Iraq
 H) Country of citizenship: Iraq
 I) Gender: female
 J) Full address: Baghdad, Al-Saadoon, District 101, Street 87
 Al-Kharada Campus
 K) Telephone: 00964-790-2257510
 L) Email address: rwmmtz@yahoo.com
 M) Medical, physical, dietary or other personal considerations:
 none
 N) Name of candidate's college: College of Medicine/ Al-Nahrain
 University
 O) Candidate's field of study: medicine
 P) Work experience: none (student)
 Q) Education:
 ¶1. Currently enrolled in 4th year/ College of Medicine.
 ¶2. Awarded by the Dean of the College as being ranked the first
 among her classmates during the previous 3 years of medicine study,
 ¶2008.
 ¶3. Awarded by Iraqi Minister of Education as being ranked the 7th
 and the youngest Iraqi high school graduate in 2005, August 8th
 ¶2005.
 ¶4. Awarded in computer skills competition arranged by Iraqi Ministry
 of Education, 2002.
 ¶5. Ranked 2nd in National mathematical competition arranged by Iraqi
 Ministry of Education, 2003.
 R) Active memberships: "Throughout high school I have developed
 QR) Active memberships: "Throughout high school I have developed
 effective leadership skills through my extracurricular activities
 and active participation in student organizations. I was a member in
 a school-run organization that looked upon upper classmates to help
 the transition of freshmen to high school. This organization focused
 on team building in creating trust and friendship throughout school

 community. I had successfully demonstrated leadership ability by
 counseling new and prospective students.
 I am currently enrolled in a medical student association that allows
 students to broaden their understanding of college, help others,
 cultivate unique skills and enrich their college community."
 S) Special interests: Science, community health, social services,
 non-governmental organizations, community development, culture,
 society, history, and technology.
 T) Extracurricular activities: Reading, Playing Tennis, Writing
 poetry, Photography, and Volunteer Work.
 U) Previous travel and study or research experience outside of home
 country: none
 V) Evidence of English language ability: ACAO personal interview
 with the candidate. Official TOEFL Test, score: 613
 W) Future study or career plans: "I am intending to accomplish my
 undergraduate study and continue a higher study to become a
 specialized doctor to encompass the health needs of my community. I
 hope to use the experience I may get through this program in
 improving cultural understanding and diversity respects. I would try
 to increase awareness of the importance of understanding the U.S.
 culture. I would work at stimulating interest in community support
 of global education and improvement of communication between
 cultures. I would pursue providing well formulated civil community
 programs that focus on enrichment of democratic process. I may help
 my people in disseminating the right social and democratic values. I
 hope that this program would nurture my ability to aid in solution
 of our problems as students and perspective doctors."
 X) Statement by post, justifying participation of the nominee in the
 subject institute:
 a. Likely relevance of the program to the future study or career
 plans of the nominee: Rawaa takes an active interest in community
 health. She is sincere in her efforts improve society and build a
 better world. She already displayed her leadership talent within
 student organizations at her university.
 b. The potential impact of the candidate's participation in the
 program: Rawaa is a stellar medical student in an environment which
 can be difficult for women. Being a female student leader in Iraq is
 much harder than in other places and the fact that she has succeeded
 in this role is in itself her best recommendation.
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 Specialist Veronika Arky, 703-343-2211, ArkyV@state.gov; no fax

14. Third principal candidate:

A) Last name: Abbas
B) First name: Ali
C) Middle names: Abdulgader
D) Date of birth: Aug.28, 1986
E) City of birth: Baghdad
F) Country of Birth: Iraq
G) Country of residence: Iraq
H) Country of citizenship: Iraq
I) Gender: male
J) Full address: Baghdad- Alkindi St. House #5
K) Telephone: 00964-770-8403942
L) Email address: pradoops@yahoo.com
M) Medical, physical, dietary or other personal considerations:
none
N) Name of candidate's college: University of Technology/
Engineering Department
O) Candidate's field of study: architecture
P) Work experience: none (student)
Q) Education: ongoing
R) Active memberships: Sustainable development committee (founder)
S) Special interests: design websites, basketball, technology, news
in medical field
T) Extracurricular activities: social volunteering, environmental
activism
U) Previous travel and study or research experience outside of home
country: Jordan (summer 2007)
V) Evidence of English language ability: personal interview with the
candidate
W) Future study or career plans: develop public policy in Iraq,
QW) Future study or career plans: develop public policy in Iraq,
community development, develop democratic practices, develop
volunteer work in my country and develop responsibility towards
society and environment.
X) Statement by post, justifying participation of the nominee in the
subject institute:
a) Likely relevance of the program to the future study or career
plans of the nominee: Ali takes initiative in improving the
environment and his community. He is concerned with bringing
democracy in practice in all fields of public life. He has a wealth
of knowledge about sustainability and demonstrated leadership skills
by founding the Sustainable Development Committee. His interest and
passion addresses one of the Iraq's most critical needs.
b) The potential impact of the candidate's participation in the
program: Ali is a great debater. He is eager to present Iraq in more
favorable light to the world and share his passion for environmental
conservation.
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15. Fourth principal candidate:

A) Last name: Sarmamy
B) First name: Zirak
C) Middle names: Muhsin
D) Date of birth: Mar.3, 1985
E) City of birth: Erbil
F) Country of Birth: Iraq
G) Country of residence: Iraq
H) Country of citizenship: Iraq
I) Gender: male
J) Full address: Erbil, Azadi, 303, st. #11, Home 130/1/735
K) Telephone: 00964-750-4528691
L) Email address: sarmamy_85@yahoo.com
M) Medical, physical, dietary or other personal considerations:
none
N) Name of candidate's college: University of Saladdin
O) Candidate's field of study: civil engineering
P) Work experience: accountant
Q) Education: ongoing
R) Active memberships: Kurdistan's Student Union
S) Special interests: Soccer, English Language and Internet
T) Extracurricular activities: community events in my home town
U) Previous travel and study or research experience outside of home
country: none
V) Evidence of English language ability: ACAO phone interview with
the candidate.

W) Future study or career plans: I would love to join the government in my own country so that I can put what I have studied in to action.

X) Statement by post, justifying participation of the nominee in the subject institute:

a) Likely relevance of the program to the future study or career plans of the nominee: Zirak is determined to put his knowledge of civil engineering into the service of his country. He hopes to find a place in government where he can influence the rebuilding of Iraq's infrastructure. The MEPI program would help him build a strong network of like-minded contacts -- not only in Iraq, but across the region.

b) The potential impact of the candidate's participation in the program: Besides being a conscientious and responsible citizen, Zirak is a Kurd, and would thus bring an important minority perspective to the program.

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16. Fifth principal candidate:

A) Last name: Yako

B) First name: Lana

C) Middle names: Khoshaba

D) Date of birth: Oct.27, 1986

E) City of birth: Duhok

F) Country of Birth: Iraq

G) Country of residence: Iraq

H) Country of citizenship: Iraq

I) Gender: female

J) Full address: Duhok, Taban St. 37

K) Telephone: 00964-750-4180747

L) Email address: lanayako@yahoo.com

M) Medical, physical, dietary or other personal considerations: none

N) Name of candidate's college: College of Engineering/University of Saladdin

O) Candidate's field of study: civil engineering

P) Work experience: none (student)

Q) Education: ongoing

R) Active memberships: Akad Ankawa Athletic club

S) Special interests: reading, sport

T) Extracurricular activities:

U) Previous travel and study or research experience outside of home country: Lebanon (2006 and 2008 for ping-pong championship)

V) Evidence of English language ability: ACAO phone interview with the candidate, recommendation letter from her professor.

W) Future study or career plans: Work as a civil Engineer.

X) Statement by post, justifying participation of the nominee in the subject institute:

a) Likely relevance of the program to the future study or career plans of the nominee: Lana's goal is to put her knowledge of civil engineering into the service of the community. The MEPI Student Leader Program would help her build a strong network of like-minded peers -- not only in Iraq, but across the region.

b) The potential impact of the candidate's participation in the program: Besides being a conscientious and responsible citizen, Lana is a Kurd and a woman, and would thus bring an important minority perspective to the program. She showed fluency in English during difficult phone interview and had the courage to ask lot of questions.

Y) Name, telephone # fax number and e-mail of post action officer:

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17. Sixth principal candidate:

A) Last name: Al-Saoudi

B) First name: Ghadier

C) Middle names: Namir Khoursheed

D) Date of birth: Jan. 4, 1986

E) City of birth: Baghdad

F) Country of Birth: Iraq

G) Country of residence: Iraq

H) Country of citizenship: Iraq

I) Gender: male

J) Full address: Wazina Mahala 301, Street 11, home #10B

K) Telephone: 00964-790-1692028

L) Email address: ghadiernamir@yahoo.com

M) Medical, physical, dietary or other personal considerations:
none

N) Name of candidate's college: College of Medicine/ University of Baghdad

O) Candidate's field of study: general medicine

P) Work experience: none (student)

Q) Education: ongoing

R) Active memberships: none

S) Special interests: sports (especially swimming), music

T) Extracurricular activities: Paramedics volunteer in emergency situations

U) Previous travel and study or research experience outside of home country: Jordan (July 2004, July 2005, August 2008), Syria (2007), Turkey (2006)

V) Evidence of English language ability: ACAO personal interview with the candidate.

W) Future study or career plans: I want to specialize in either plastic surgery or neurosurgery and become a manager of one of the bigger hospitals.

X) Statement by post, justifying participation of the nominee in the subject institute:

a. Likely relevance of the program to the future study or career plans of the nominee: Ghardier is eager to improve the state of hospitals in Baghdad. He is constantly researching new ways to do things, and he has a wealth of creative ideas about how to rebuild the healthcare system at minimum cost.

b. The potential impact of the candidate's participation in the program: This young man volunteered at a hospital on several occasions when an increased number of casualties were being treated. He has witnessed much and is willing to share his experiences with fellow students from the region. He also feels that Iraqis have been misrepresented in the past, and he would like to correct the world's impression of this region as much as he can.

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18. First alternate candidate:

A) Last name: Albu-Mohammed

B) First name: Hussein

C) Middle names: Ali

D) Date of birth: Jan.9, 1987

E) City of birth: Baghdad

F) Country of Birth: Iraq

G) Country of residence: Iraq

H) Country of citizenship: Iraq

I) Gender: male

J) Full address: Baghdad/Street #20, House #4, Karrada Baghdad 915

K) Telephone: 00964-770-7783516

L) Email address: sean8719@hotmail.com

M) Medical, physical, dietary or other personal considerations:
none

N) Name of candidate's college: University of Science and Technology

O) Candidate's field of study: pharmacology

P) Work experience: none (student)

Q) Education: B.Sc in pharmacy (in progress)

R) Active memberships: none

S) Special interests: painting

T) Extracurricular activities: soccer, tennis

U) Previous travel and study or research experience outside of home country: Jordan (2007, 2008, 2009)

V) Evidence of English language ability: ACAO phone interview with the candidate.

W) Future study or career plans: M.Sc. in Pharmacology

X) Statement by post, justifying participation of the nominee in the subject institute:

a) Likely relevance of the program to the future study or career plans of the nominee: The MEPI Student Leader Program is a great opportunity for Hussein to acquire and share leadership skills by visiting the U.S. and meeting other young leaders. He would like to visit the U.S. and meeting other young leaders. He would like to learn about democratic principles in the U.S. and other Arab nations. Young Iraqis will have to help rebuild all the civic institutions of their country, and Hussein is ready to become an active participant in the process.

b) The potential impact of the candidate's participation in the program: Hussein takes an active part in conversations on any topic.

He is open to and curious about the opinions of others, as well as eager to share his own knowledge and experience.

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9. Second alternate candidate:

A) Last name: Mahmood
B) First name: Halah
C) Middle names: Salam
D) Date of birth: Apr.3, 1990
E) City of birth: Baghdad
F) Country of Birth: Iraq
G) Country of residence: Iraq
H) Country of citizenship: Iraq
I) Gender: female
J) Full address: AlBenook, Street 8, House 12, Baghdad
K) Telephone: 00964-790-2435235
L) Email address: hala.almahdi@gmail.com
M) Medical, physical, dietary or other personal considerations:
none
N) Name of candidate's college: Nahrain University/ College of
Medicine
O) Candidate's field of study: medicine and surgery
P) Work experience: none (student)
Q) Education: ongoing
R) Active memberships: none
S) Special interests: writing poems in English
T) Extracurricular activities: none
U) Previous travel and study or research experience outside of home
country: None
V) Evidence of English language ability: ACAO phone interview with
the candidate.
W) Future study or career plans: Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery
X) Statement by post, justifying participation of the nominee in the
subject institute:
a) Likely relevance of the program to the future study or career
plans of the nominee: The MEPI Student Leader Program is a great
opportunity for Halah to acquire and share leadership skills by
visiting the U.S. and meeting other young leaders. She would like to
learn about Healthcare in US.
b) The potential impact of the candidate's participation in the
program: Halah takes an active part in conversation. She prepares
herself for debates by studying the topic ahead.
Y) Name, telephone # fax number and e-mail of post action officer:
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10. Third alternate candidate:

A) Last name: Baban
B) First name: Aya
C) Middle names: Qays
D) Date of birth: Jan.29, 1990
E) City of birth: Baghdad
F) Country of Birth: Iraq
G) Country of residence: Iraq
H) Country of citizenship: Iraq
I) Gender: female
J) Full address: AlBenook, Street 8, House 13, Baghdad
K) Telephone: 00964-790-1328387
L) Email address: au.baban@gmail.com
M) Medical, physical, dietary or other personal considerations:
none
N) Name of candidate's college: Al Mustansirya University / College
of Engineering
O) Candidate's field of study: computer engineering
P) Work experience: none (student)
Q) Education: ongoing
R) Active memberships: none
S) Special interests: reading English magazines and books, swimming
T) Extracurricular activities: none
U) Previous travel and study or research experience outside of home
country: None
V) Evidence of English language ability: ACAO phone interview with
the candidate.
W) Future study or career plans: Bachelor of Computer Engineering
X) Statement by post, justifying participation of the nominee in the
subject institute:

a) Likely relevance of the program to the future study or career plans of the nominee: The MEPI Student Leader Program is a great opportunity for Aya to acquire and share leadership skills by visiting the U.S. and meeting other young leaders. She has a passion for engineering and design. Ability and creativity in this fields are much needed in Iraq and the program promises to help her expand her horizons, ability and perspective.

b) The potential impact of the candidate's participation in the program: We expect this program to expand Aya's worldview and allow her to develop skills to transform her perspective and those of others. She is a young woman poised to take a leadership position as a young person in the New Iraq.

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